

ABSTRACT

A delivery assembly for use in surgery particularly laparoscopic surgery, comprises a surgically implantable construct containing viable cells, a support on which the construct is removably carried and holding means such as a vacuum system releasably holding the construct on the support. The support is selected from a tube having an interior surface on which the construct is held, and a rod having an exterior surface on which the construct is held. The support protects the delicate construct and maintains it in a desired position for surgical manipulation.